



Space Day: Prospecting for Knowledge

18-Teaching with Stories and Symbols

(Activity L-5, Grade Level: K-6)

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What’s This Activity About? These three related activities show students that astronomy was important to ancient cultures and other present day cultures. Appropriate for early grades, the activities give students opportunities to decorate Sun symbols from various cultures, and to retell astronomical myths using felt puppets.

What Will Students Do? Students learn about Sun symbols from different cultures and decorate or create their own to hang in the classroom or bring home. In the third activity, students retell an astronomical myth or legend to themselves, peers, or parents.

Tips and Suggestions:

- See the “Skylore Bibliography” at the end of this section for an excellent listing of books containing myths and legends about astronomy.
- Have students create and decorate their own Sun symbols, or make up their own myths.
- The Sun signs, developed by cultures centuries old, like the other designs from Indian Designs, are excellent for multicultural and bilingual workshops, scouting and classroom projects. These designs can be used in many ways to illustrate skylore or for other crafts projects.



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